Tuesday Morning, December 20, 1881.

A GIRL'S PROMISE.

"And you propose to stand by

"Exactly, George."

Then silence fell between the two It was the old story—the sking of wealthy old age the hand furniture."

erty. erge Simpley had loved pretty or Dana from his childhood up, and Esther had returned his love in came and he asked rich old Farmer John for his daughter, then Marvined!" was told that he was too poor to

e aspiring. copair at the hard-featured farmer there he sat in his great chair beside the sunay window, George plucked up sufficient courage to ask:

"And is my poverty the only ob-

of it, my boy, was the prompt res-ponse; "I had to make a nest before ght my bird, and I don't quite

"Quite right, sir," said the young mun, brightening a little; "but may I sek how wealthy I must be before I

Farmer John stroked his chin with a covert smile playing about his reather beaten features, and, draw ing from his pocket an envelope which contained a \$100 bill, the price of some land which had been sold that day, displayed the crisp note.

"When you can show 100 greeu-backe like that, I'll part with my daughter.

"All right, air; good bye." "Where are you going !

"God bless you. Gool-bye. And so they parted; and so lightly did the old man think of his harsh treatment that, listening to the drone side the window, he fell asleep in the window-sill, the envelope containing

Mesawhile George had hurried to the trysting place, down at the stile his sad story.

When she heard that he was going so far away from her the girl burst

"Esther, Esther, darling, don't ery," George faltered. "Can't you e true to me till I come again ?" "I can, and will!" was the passio

ate reply. "Promise it, dear !"

were closing in as George Stanley at the door of the cottage for \$100.

strode up the path.

"George, ' the man said, regretful ly, "I must arrest you." Mrs. Stanley uttered a low cry, but

the young man laughest: this some joke, Mr. Hardy ?" be cried; "arrest me -tor what ?"

"Theft of what ?"

"Of a \$100 bank note." "From whom?"

"Farmer Dana." 'Merciful beaven ! I---"

"Mr. Dana says that you were the enly : only person who knew he had the you had called upon him he fell asless: when he awoke the note was youe." note in his possession, and that after

young man cried, indignantly.

Because an hour after you left the farm, you purchased a ticket for Nevals, with \$100 bill."
"But the money was mine."

the evidence against how not being any more?" The holes in the coins are considered serious enough to condemn

heart, to seek his fortune, knowing the deception complete. ther and his mother alone deemed

The only happy moments of her life when she sat with the widow

itanley and talked of George.

"I don't see the use of it, father,

"Don't you, sis ?" with a sly wink; do you think the old place is fit for

thought Dr. Bell was sweet on you, and to-day he asked me for you. could not be better pleased to-

"Father! Hush, I cannot marry Dr. Rell."

"Why not?"

"Because I can never love him!" "Oh that's all right! In the meantime. I'll have the carpenters round in the morning and have them throw out a hav window in the sitting-

And with a jovial laugh the old nan sauntered down the steps and away through the sunshive.

Up in her chamber that night Ether stood at the window and raised a pale, tear-wet face to the twinkling

"I will die firet," she murmured, solutely, "for I have promised George that I would be true to him, pd I will not break that promise."

Bright and early upon the following morning she appeared at breakkeenly, he never mistrusted the conflict she had been waging through the dead wastes of the previous night.

With a shudder of horror E-ther, the sitting room window, and while her father stood in front of the house

said, extending something to her when they tore away the mop-beard under the sitting room window."

In length required, therefore they remarks. They are so ugly in appearance that their blood has been kept under the sitting room window."

The mother's keeping.

Esther took the object, uttered a wild cry, and darted down stairs.

ed. "George is innocent !"

With a puzzled air the farmer took "George, I promise it on my life!"

With a puzzled air the farmer took the dirty envelope and with trembthe dirty envelope and with trembling fingers extracted a mildewed note closing in as George Stanley ling fingers extracted a mildewed note closing in the course of the cours

"Slipped out of my fugers Boarcely were the last farewells "By Jove, what wouldn't I give if spoken when the garden gate clanged that poor boy was here now ? I'd give

here stood George Stanley with Ether tightly clasped in his arms!

en forgive me, and bless you both.

Will READ ETTHER WAY -Our be applied, there will be no trouble See here, Mr. What's per name, I want you to get through with these improvements in double quick time, for there's going to be a wedding next week ?"

A curlyheaded, olive skinned young man walked into a Broadway furnish "Ab, but Mr. Dana has identified ing store a day or two since and ofthe bill as his. I'm sfraid, George, fered to buy all the perforated coin in you must come to the lock-up with the place at a discount. About \$5 in me until you can have an examina silver was handed over to him and on." paid for. "What do you do with it?"
Like a man he faced the diagrace, the young man was asked I sup and was cool and dignified until he port my wife and children with it but sometimes vain and cowardly.

Carefully boiled eggs are good and suckers, where tobacco was cut dufilled by passing iron wire through So he went West with a heavy ham wering and burnishing makes vals of sleep, like the land animals with it is said that the second crop in ma-

Over the hills, not three miles from Whitehall, saye the Times, reside a tleman play games of euchre nights family who have a little two-year-old in the young lady's parlor, under the Oh, how happy the poor boy might family who have a little two-year-old in the young lady's parlor, under the have been could be have heard those prattler. The family have a box of agreement that when he wins he is to two loving women talk of him and rattlemakes that are quite docile and kind her and when she wins she is to have known the depth of their trust ing affection!

Returning one afternoon from the morsels of food in the box, and the ed the rost of the falks who are not reptiles have become so accustomed to in the secret why it is they do so love the verands.

"Eather," the old man mid, "I tails when they hear the pits pat of bers of the family happens to be in want to speak to you. I have decid her approaching footsteps. The child's the room when games are won or lost, ed to overhaul the old house, furnishmeter, during the hot days, has the why, the fulfillment of the contract tition of poverty-stricken youth it up a bit, and lay in a stock of new cradle brought out, and the little one is put off until a kissing opportunity quietly takes its afternoon nap within occurs, and it is said in some in a tew feet of the box; and as the stances when a large number of for mother sings a sweet lullaby to her feits become due it requires almost precious darling, the snakes always continual kiss and return for half an oin in the chorus, and the weird and hour or more to finish up. This pracmusical noise of the rattle resembles tice a perion could suppose to be quite the wedding of the richest girl in the soft monotony of the snare drum a wearing and exhaustive one, but

the orchestra. the young people bear up under it offen the mother rocks her child to wonderfully and seem quite cheerful sleep while she fans its face with a and happy. Had it not been for palm leaf, which she keeps always on some jenious chaps the secret compact between the two, probably would

the foot of the child's couch. One Sunday atternoon the child never have been known to the world had become tired of feeding the and thus other couples deprived of snakes, and the mother did not see the chance to test it themselves. The the little one as she quietly moved jealous youths while looking at the away the cover. The child became window one night, saw the forms of sleepy, it is supposed, and then it the couple shadowed on the window crawled into the cradle, as it was of shades, and as they could see them ten accustomed to do. The mother play cards, and then when the last was engaged in doing her housework, card was siapped down hear one or and therefore paid little attention to the other say, "O, glory, its my wee Katie. She was suddenly attract- turn!" or, 'O, cream and peaches, I ed by the rattling of the snakes, and will try it this time!" and could see she walked to the door, where a sight the shadowy motions as of kissing, met her eyes that at first caused her they surmised the whole thing and

great slarm. The child was in the cradle, and at only sighing that they couldn't have each rocker was a snake, rocking it part in the contract.

gently with their tails, while four Dyspersia. —We have seen dyspep more large specimens atood near by.

producing the music which was an almost every kind of lood; no liquid soothing to the child's care.

But the most remarkable of all was brend became a burning acid; meat a large rattlesnake perched upon a andmilk were solid fires; and we have bigh chair at the child's bead, with its tail coiled about the handle of the paimless fan, gently swaying it back white of eggz whigh have been boiled white of eggs which have been boiled in bubling water for thirty minutes. At the end of the week we have given wards and forwards over its face.

It was a picture for an artist, and showed that the Creatur, of all things the half yelk of the egg with the had even put in the breast of reptiles white, and upon this diet alone, with-that greatest of all virtues, love and out fluid of any kind, we have seen

The mother stood and watched the them begin to gain flesh and strength, planning some alterations with the reptile nurses for a few moments, and quiet, refreshing sleep. After architect, she field up to her room by when all feeling of fear entirely left stifle her minery by reading George's her bosom. She moved toward the last letter the twentieth time.

Searcely had she concluded the permal of the first page when a rap came upon the door, and upon opening it, about the rockers, and in less than 30 upon the door, and upon opening it, about the rockers, and in less than 30. eggs, even in eggnog. seconds the whole tribe were in the ork.

"Please, Miss Esther," the girl rily. They beheld the child's moth-the homeliest people on the face of the sid, extending something in her er, and knew that their services were earth. They are so ugly in appear-

the mother's keeping. The little story is, alas, too true, are of mongol origin, and ichabi "Father, father, look!" she scream the intelligence of the snake kingdom pires. They marry young; the boys was not monopolized by that tradi- sometimes at fifteen and the girls at

opeful feeling that some men have and pledging their troth before the when they are in debt, tells of a farm. idols which they worship. er who awed Walt. Perkins twenty- The girl has pretty eyes and red five dollars, and had owed him for lips. She is going to take a walk in years. One day he met Walt and the starlit glen, where the cricket said, "Don't be uneasy, Walt. I chirps in the hedge and the jiggers In his bewilderment the old fellow can pay you." Walt asked him how to walk in the glen too. He will when he raised his eyes at last, in, here steed Greene Strates with a sit. Well, Walt, if nothing hap-the weather. We wouldn't give a pens, next year I hope to raise a good cent for that peice of court plaster on crop of corn and I intend to trade the girl's chin by the time the girl "Your wish is granted, sir," the some of the corn for a yoke of ozen, gets back home. young man said; "the boy is here, and I know an old man in St. Charles but not poor. There are the bills you Co. that owns an old mare and wants feed occasionally to shaep. It will efwanted to see before I could claim to trade her for a yoke of oxen.

E-ther.

Now, Walt, when I raise the corn and same remedy applied to cattle troub-But Farmer John pushed the prof- get the oxes I will make the trade for led with lice will soon rid them of fered wallet aside and faltered brok- the old mare and then I will bring the vermin. The sulphur with salt reber home and raise mule colts—and pays the trouble of keeping a supply walt, the first mule colt I sell you for cattle and sheep. If a mixture of one part of sulphur with seven of salt

young friends have heard of palin with vermin. droins—words or lines that read and THE churches will keep on until spell the same backward as well for there won't be any fun left. The Presward. The following sentences, prin hyterian won't let people dance, the ted in the London Truth, simply Methodist kick on smoking and kias-

make sense read word by word either ing, and all the churcher prevent some "Solomon had vast tracsurer -- silver thing. It will get so after while that and gold—things precious. Happy all we can do will be to join the Bapand rich and wise was he. Faithful tiste, and go in swimming. The Bapserved he God.

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